

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill would increase most license, tag, and permit fees, effective April 15, 2009. The last fee increase was effective on July 1, 2005. The increased fees in this bill are necessary to continue existing department activities in FY 2010 through FY 2012. During the three year period, approximately 71% of the new revenue generated by this bill will be used to maintain a balanced budget supporting existing services. The remaining new revenue will be used to implement program enhancements desired by sportsmen. The effective date allows fee adjustment prior to the controlled hunt application period, which provides fee certainty for those customers. The bill also cleans up sections of statute dealing with pelt tags that are related to fees.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state General Fund. This bill is expected to generate an increase of about \$5.1 million annually in license, tag, and permit fees for Idaho Department of Fish and Game beginning in FY 2010. New revenue would also be generated during the last quarter of FY 2009 because of the effective date of April 15, 2009. The FY 2009 revenue is not expected to exceed 25%, or \$1.27 million of the total annual estimate of new revenue for each fiscal year.

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